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A BIRDS-EYE VIEW OF CANADA'S PROGRESS

DO NOT FORGET.

IN these days of plenty and prosperity the people should not forget the causes that have had so much to do with the promotion and maintenance of good times, and should not forget their duty to themselves in seeing that nothing is done to interfere with a political party that in a brief administration has made the Dominion of Canada the leader of every other nation on earth in the matter of the percentage of increase in its trade.

The people of Canada are respectfully asked not to forget that percentage of taxation has been reduced thirteen per cent. by the Liberal Government.

DO NOT FORGET that despite this reduction in taxation the national debt has remained practically stationary.

DO NOT FORGET that from 1896 to 1903, under the Liberal Government, the trade of Canada has increased from $239,025,360 to $467,064,685.

DO NOT FORGET that in the eighteen years of Conservative rule this trade increased only $66,000,000, and that in the seven years of Liberal rule it increased $228,000,000.

DO NOT FORGET that the exports of Canada increased during the Conservative regime of eighteen years by only forty-two million dollars, and that they increased during the Liberal regime of seven years by one hundred and four million dollars.

DO NOT FORGET that the circulation of bank and Dominion notes increased during the eighteen years of Conservative rule by less than $21,000,000, and increased in the seven years of Liberal rule by over $47,000,000.

DO NOT FORGET that the country has been so prosperous under the Liberals that the assets of banks increased in the seven years of Liberal rule by $325,862,666, and increased during the eighteen years of Conservative rule by only $140,649,622.

DO NOT FORGET that the Liberal Government found a deficit of $781,142 in the Post Office Department, and have turned this deficit into a surplus of $292,702, while at the same time reducing the domestic postage rate from three cents to two cents, inaugurating penny postage to Britain, and increasing the number of post offices and the pay of country postmasters.

DO NOT FORGET that the Preferential tariff treatment given by the Liberal Government to Britain has been the means of causing an agitation in Britain for granting Canada and the other colonies preferential treatment in the British market.

DO NOT FORGET that the manufacturers of Canada are so busy that they cannot supply the demands made upon them, and that their agitation for a higher tariff which the Conservatives endorse has but one object, viz. to permit them to charge the consumer higher prices.

DO NOT FORGET that in 1896, the last year of Conservative administration, the total immigration was only 16,835, and that in the fiscal year 1902-3, under the Liberals the immigration was 128,364.

DO NOT FORGET that in 1896, the last year of the Conservatives the homestead entries in the West were only 1,888, and that in 1902-03, under the Liberals, they were 31,383.

DO NOT FORGET that in 1896, farm lands in the West were selling at from $1.00 to $2.00 per acre; and that now they are selling at from $6.00 to $20.00 per acre.

DO NOT FORGET that the Conservatives tied up the West with the C. P. R., and forced the settlers to farm on shares with that railway corporation; that the Liberal Government has been providing relief for the farmer by subsidizing other railways, which, however, get no land grants and no exemption from taxation, and which have to submit to Government control of their freight rates; and that the relief afforded the farmer is equivalent to more than enough to pay for the binding and threshing of his crops.

DO NOT FORGET that the Liberal Government has entered test cases in the courts to get an early decision as to when the C. P. R. tax exemption ends; and as to when the Government shall have control of C. P. R. freight rates.

DO NOT FORGET that the Liberal Government is bringing into the West a powerful competing railway, the Grand Trunk, which will force down railway rates. It is under Government control. This railway was bitterly opposed by the Conservatives.

DO NOT FORGET that the railway proposition of the leader of the Conservatives, Mr. Borden, was to buy up the most expensive and unproductive parts of the C. P. R.; that this scheme would open up no new country for colonization; would not increase the country's transportation facilities at all; but would simply mean the paying of millions of the people's money to the C. P. R. for the privilege of taking an unproductive portion of its railway line off its hands.

DO NOT FORGET that the Liberal railway policy opens up vast areas of new country, agricultural, mineral and forest lands; that it greatly increases the transportation facilities of the country; and that the money expended upon it will go into the pockets of the people, provide work for new settlers, and add to the general prosperity.

DO NOT FORGET the grain legislation passed by the Liberal Government to rescue the settlers of the West from the monopoly fastened upon them by the Conservatives.

DO NOT FORGET that the grant to the Government of the North-west Territories is over a million dollars this year; that the Dominion is constructing bridges and other public works in the West.

DO NOT FORGET that the land laws have been amended and administered by the Liberals in order that the settler may be helped in every way possible.

DO NOT FORGET that the Conservatives had two rebellions in the North-west on account of their bad administration of Western affairs.

DO NOT FORGET that the Government took effective steps to establish the dairy business in the West.

DO NOT FORGET that the land in the West has been kept for the settler, and a stop put to the Conservative policy of giving it away to railways and other corporations.

DO NOT FORGET that the Government has passed legislation to establish a Railway Commission which will control railway rates and prevent discrimination.

DO NOT FORGET that the Government has appointed an inspector of binder twine to protect the farmer against short and inferior twine.

DO NOT FORGET that the Government secured the abolition of the cattle quarantine maintained by the United States, and that during the four and a half years the quarantine was in operation, Canadians exported to the United States only $52,606 worth of cattle, while in the four and a half years succeeding the abolition, the sales totalled $5,329,516.

DO NOT FORGET that the Liberal Government has spared no efforts to promote the interests of the farmer.

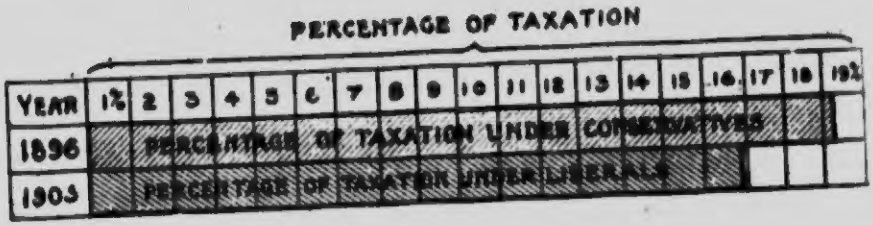
DO NOT FORGET the lean years of the Conservative regime, and the years of plenty and prosperity under the Liberals.

DO NOT FORGET to vote for a continuance of the fat years by marking your ballot for a supporter of the Liberal Government.

PROSPERITY PICTURED BEFORE THE EYE.

Diagrams which Show in Proportion as well as in Figures Canada's Progress under Liberal Rule.

Below are given a number of diagrams which illustrate much more effectively than the bare figures could, the remarkable results in Canada's business development that have coincided with Liberal administration. When figures are hurriedly read or spoken, the relative proportions between comparative statements are often not clearly grasped. But in the diagrams below, the relative proportions are made perfectly clear. The diagrams illustrate so strikingly the marvelous progress Canada is making that they cannot fail to prove eminently satisfactory, not only to those who support the Liberal administration, but to every loyal Canadian who is anxious to see his native land rapidly advance to the important position she is destined to occupy in the affairs of the world.

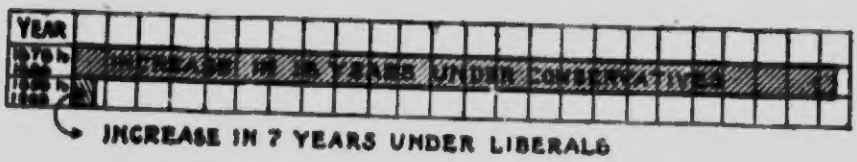


PERCENTAGE OF TAXATION.

Average rate of customs taxation in 1896,
LAST YEAR OF CONSERVATIVES - - - - 18.28

Average rate of customs taxation in 1903,
UNDER LIBERALS - - - - - - - - 15.88

This means that the LIBERAL REDUCTION of the CONSERVATIVE TARIFF rates is equivalent to - - - - - - - - - 13 PER CENT.



NATIONAL DEBT

1896 - - - -	$258,497,432
1878 - - - - -	140,362,069
Increase in 18 years under CONSERVATIVES	$118,135,363

Equivalent to an average increase of about six and a half millions per annum.

1903 - - - -	$261,609,720
1896 - - - - -	258,497,432
Increase in 7 years under LIBERALS -	$3,112,288

Equivalent to an average annual increase of less than half a million dollars.

TOTAL FOREIGN TRADE OF CANADA.

Last 7 Years of Conservatives.		Seven Years Under Liberals.	
1890	$218,607,390	1897	$257,168,862
1891	218,384,934	1898	304,475,736
1892	241,369,443	1899	321,661,213
1893	247,638,620	1900	381,517,236
1894	240,999,889	1901	386,903,157
1895	224,420,485	1902	423,910,444
1896	239,025,360	1903	467,064,685

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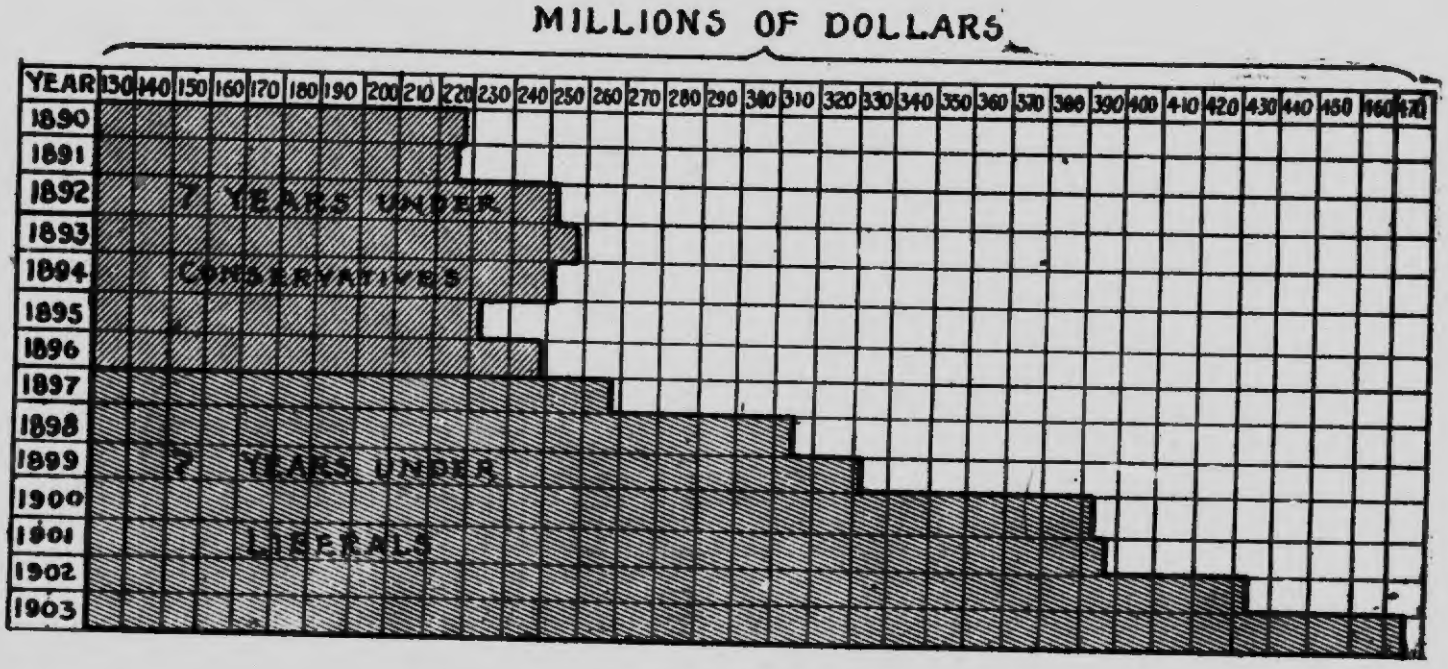
Total Foreign Trade of Canada.



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TOTAL EXPORTS OF CANADA.

Last 7 Years of Conservatives.		Seven Years of Liberals.	
1890	$.96,749,149	1897	$137,950,253
1891	98,417,296	1898	164,152,683
1892	113,963,375	1899	158,896,905
1893	118,564,352	1900	191,894,723
1894	117,524,949	1901	196,487,632
1895	113,638,803	1902	211,640,286
1896	121,013,852	1903	225,849,724

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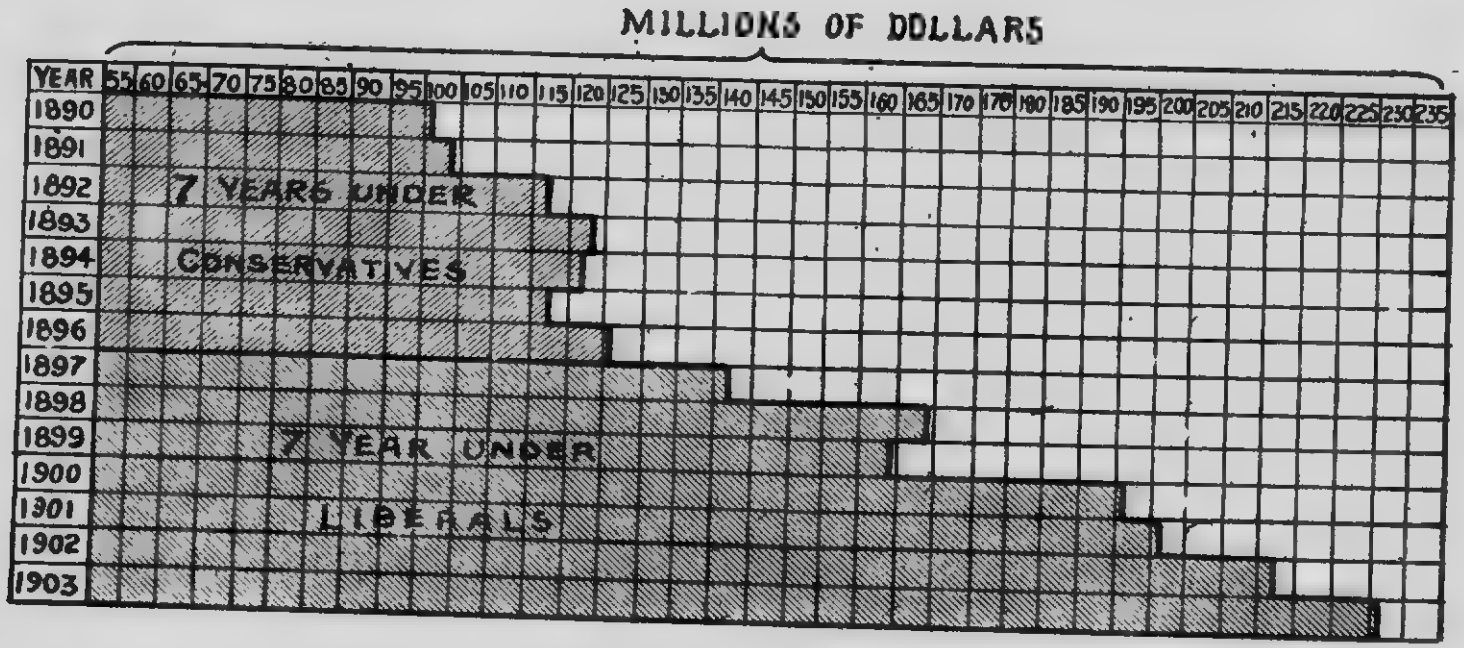

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TOTAL EXPORTS OF FARM PRODUCTS

(Includes agricultural produce and animals and their produce.)

Last 7 Years of Conservatives.		Seven Years Under Liberals.	
1890	$37,015,025	1897	$ 57,227,898
1891	39,634,599	1898	77,364,755
1892	50,708,134	1899	69,696,045
1893	53,785,989	1900	83,665,416
1894	49,559,622	1901	80,276,797
1895	50,106,898	1902	96,313,897
1896	50,591,002	1903	114,441,863

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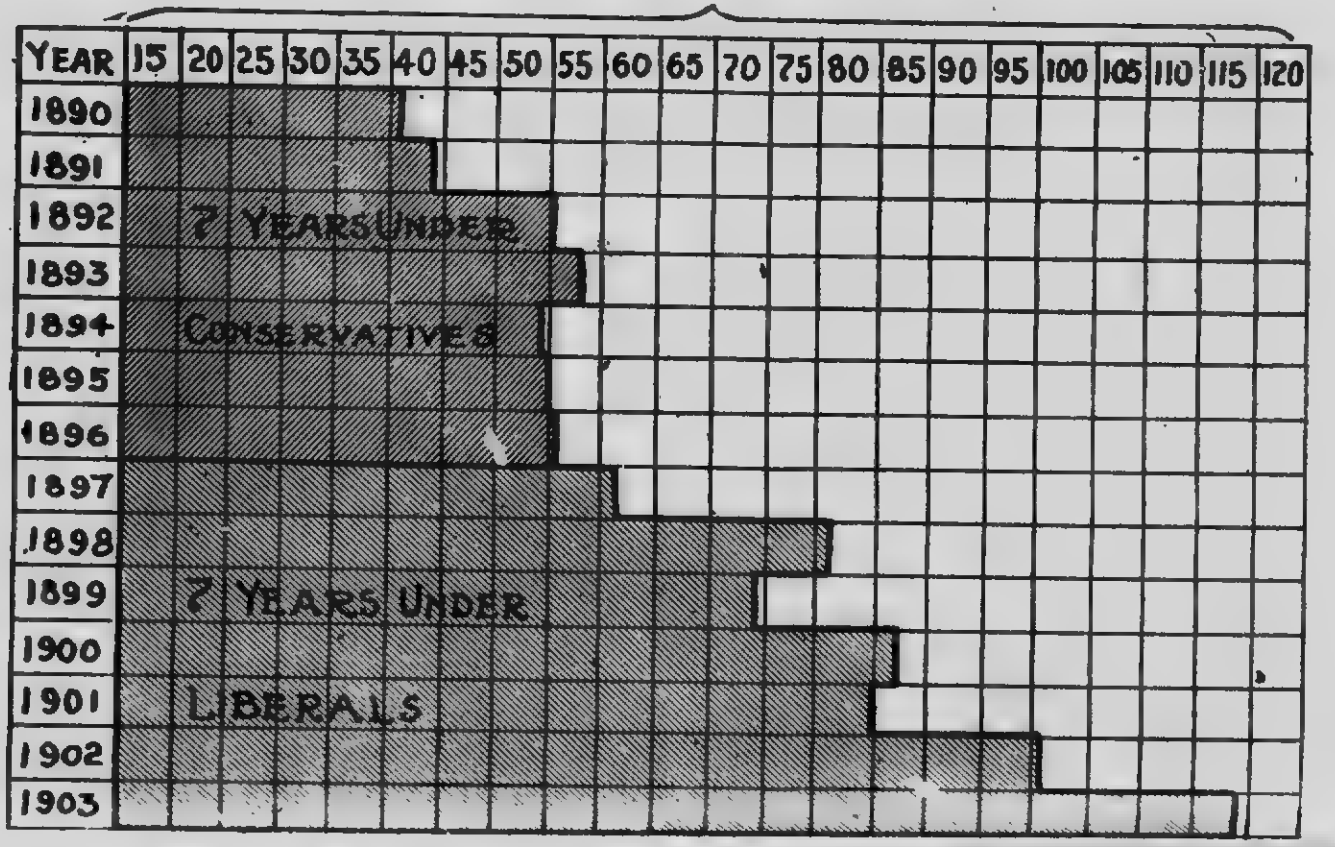
Total Exports of Farm Products.

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS



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Liberals.

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EXPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

(The Produce of Canada.)

Last 7 Years of Conservatives.		Seven Years of Liberals.	
1890	$11,908,030	1897	$17,982,646
1891	13,666,858	1898	33,063,285
1892	22,113,284	1899	22,952,915
1893	22,049,490	1900	27,516,609
1894	1[illegible],677,649	1901	24,761,48[illegible]
1895	15,719,128	1902	37,152,68[illegible]
1896	14,083,361	1903	44,624,32[illegible]

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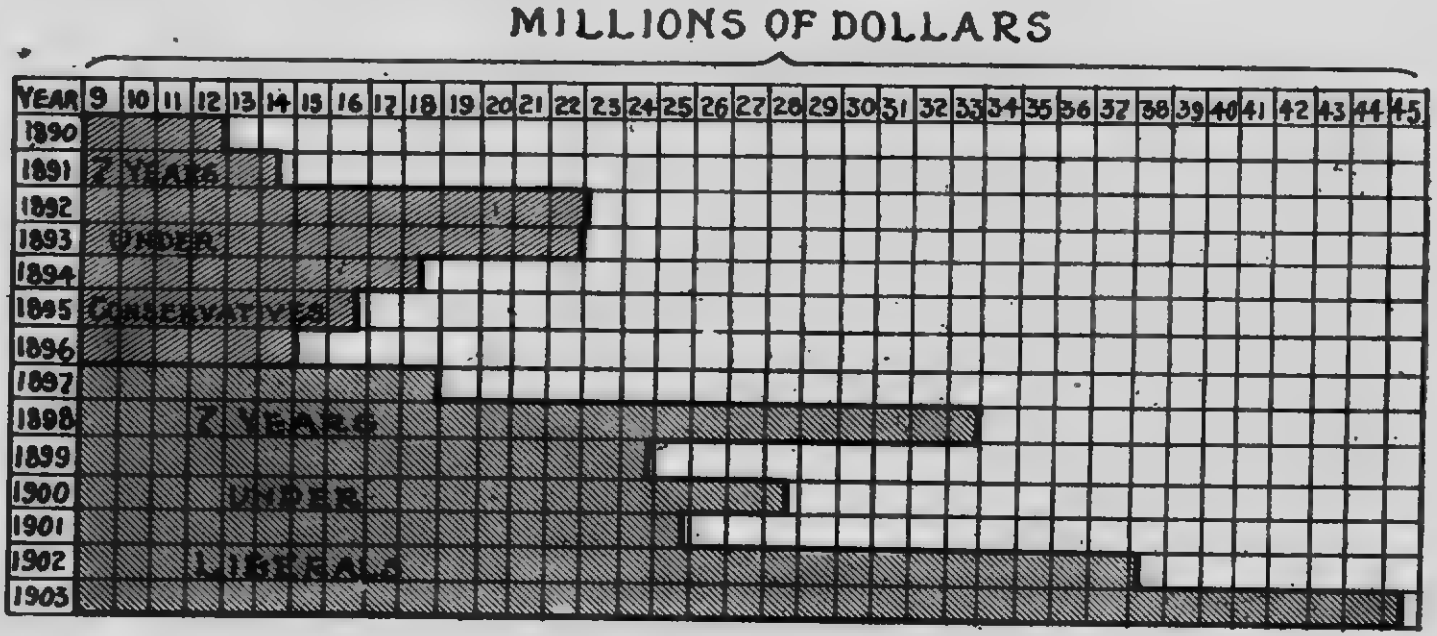
Exports of Agricultural Products.



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EXPORT OF MANUFACTURES.

Last 7 Years of Conservatives.		Seven Years of Liberals.	
1890	$5,741,184	1897	$ 9,522,014
1891	6,296,249	1898	10,678,316
1892	7,040,988	1899	11,706,707
1893	7,693,959	1900	14,224,287
1894	7,692,755	1901	16,012,208
1895	7,768,875	1902	18,462,970
1896	9,365,384	1903	20,624,967

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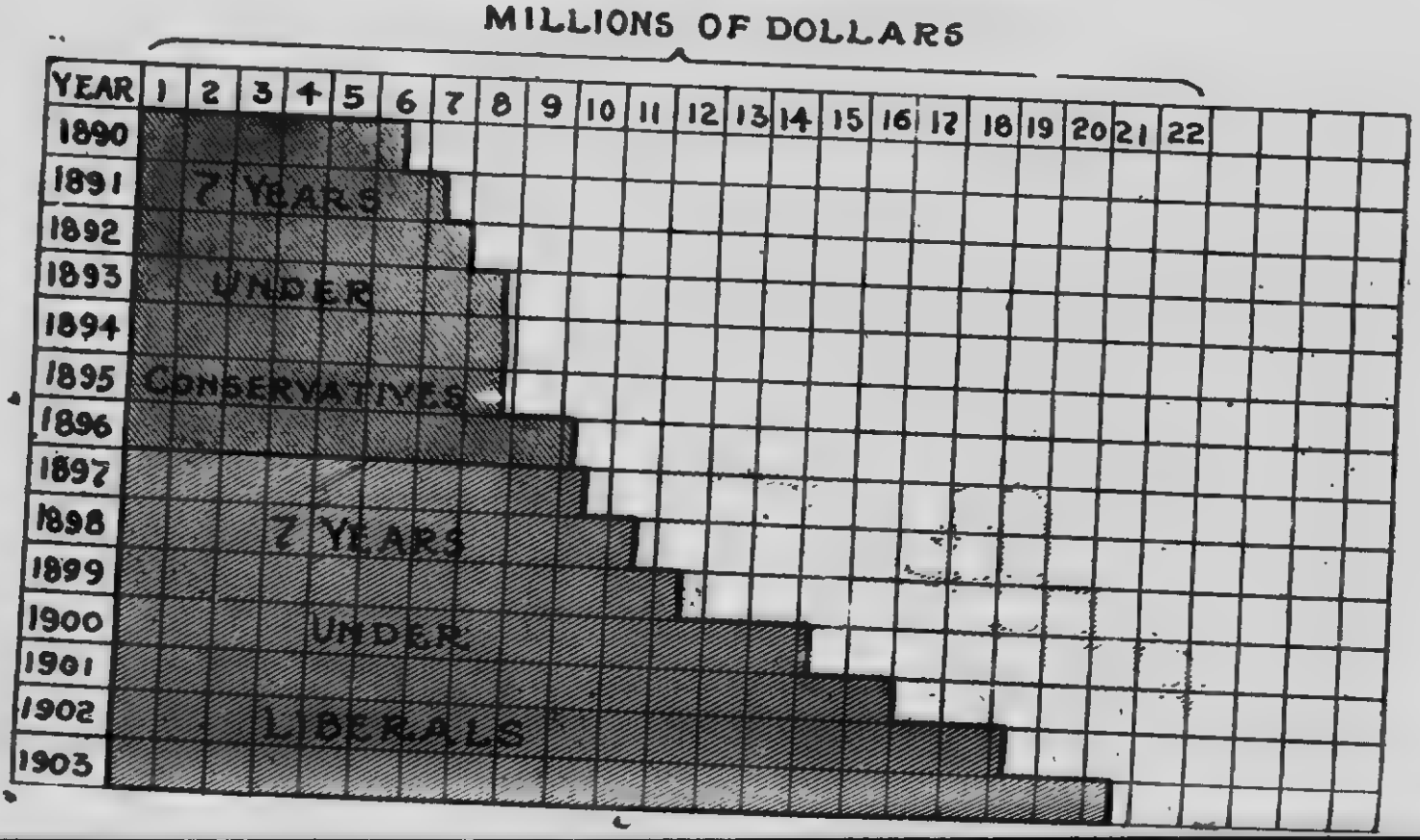
Exports of Manufactures.



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GROWTH OF TRADE.

Relative percentage thereof of a number of the leading countries of the world during a period of seven years :—

Country.	1895.	1902.	Increase.	Percentage of Growth.
Canada ....$	211,739,913	$ 439,212,202	$227,472,289	107.43 per cent.
Japan	133,084,033	262,443,241	129,359,208	97.20 "
Cape Colony	146,281,249	233,312,649	87,031,400	59.50 "
United States (a).....	1,642,925,161	2,417,983,175	775,058,014	47.18 "
Italy	429,424,191	626,893,133	197,468,942	45.99 "
Germany	1,770,379,422	2,453,491,000	683,111,578	38.59 "
Belgium	591,708,471	797,746,000	206,037,529	34.84 "
Argentine Republic	207,633,480	272,637,574	65,004,094	31.31 "
Switzerland	304,788,030	386,543,454	81,755,424	26.82 "
Great Britain	3,128,380,466	3,950,834,168	822,453,702	26.29 "
France	1,369,084,100	1,669,960,000	300,875,900	21.98 "

Note.—Imports for consumption and exports of domestic produce unless otherwise stated.

(a) Includes total imports not "imports for consumption only."

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Growth of Trade.

A Comparison of the Percentage of Growth Shown by Canada and Other Countries.

Note.—Imports for consumption and exports.

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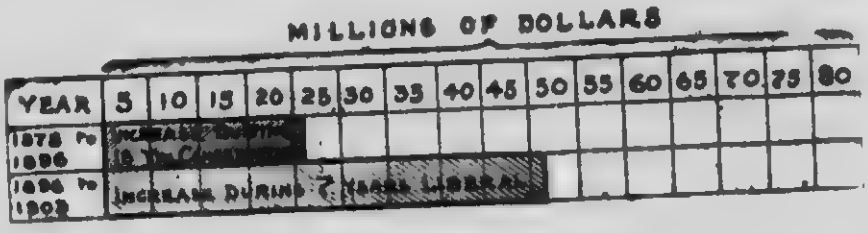
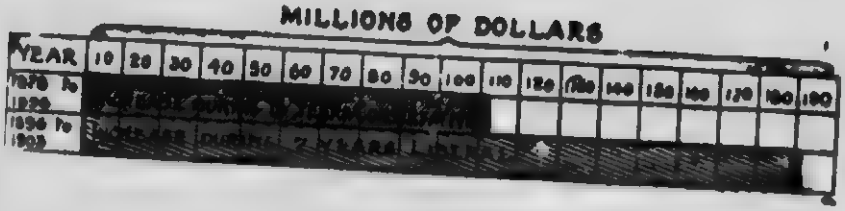


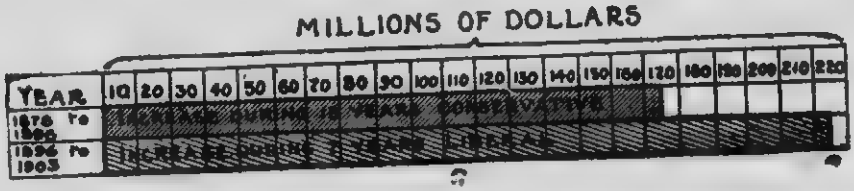
CIRCULATION OF DOMINION AND BANK NOTES.

1896 - - - - -	$50,709,05
1878 - - - - -	29,811,84
Increase in 18 years under CONSERVATIVES	$20,897,2
1903 - - - - -	$97,872,04
1896 - - - - -	50,709,05
Increase in 7 years under LIBERALS -	$47,162,98



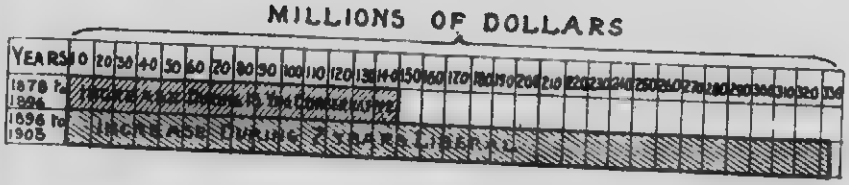
BANK DISCOUNTS.

1896 - - - - -	$224,507,301
1878 - - - - -	122,913,778
Increase in 18 years under CONSERVATIVES	$101,593,523
1903, - - - - -	$406,184,733
1896, - - - - -	224,507,301
Increase in 7 years under LIBERALS -	$181,677,432



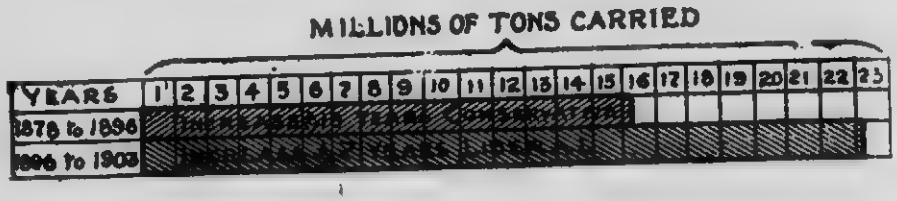
BANK DEPOSITS MADE BY THE PEOPLE IN CHARTERED BANKS AND SAVINGS BANKS.

1896 - - - -	$245,029,143
1878 - - - - -	79,197,512
Increase in 18 years under CONSERVATIVES	$165,831,631
1903, - - - -	$460,950,579
1896, - - - - -	245,029,143
Increase in 7 years under LIBERALS -	$215,921,436



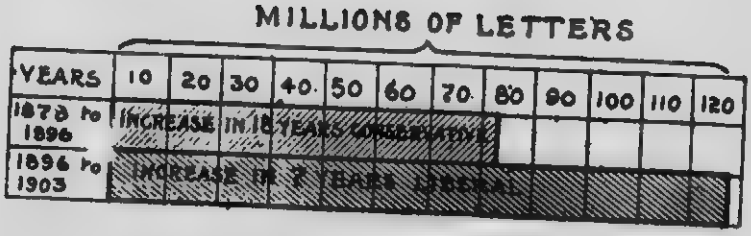
ASSETS OF BANKS.

1896 - - -	$316,122,706
1878 - - - - -	175,473,684
Increase in 18 years under CONSERVATIVES	$140,649,022
1903, - - - -	$641,985,372
1896, - - - - -	316,122,706
Increase in 7 years under LIBERALS -	$325,862,666



TONNAGE CARRIED BY RAILWAYS.

1896 - - - -	24,266,825	TONS
1878 - - - - -	7,883,472	"
Increase during 18 years under CONSERVATIVES - -	16,383,353	TONS
1903, - - - -	47,373,417	TONS
1896, - - - - -	24,266,825	"
Increase in 7 years under LIBERALS	23,106,592	TONS



LETTERS POSTED IN CANADA.

1878	-	-	44,000,000
1896	-	-	116,028,000

Increase in 18 years under CONSERVATIVES

72,000,000

1896,	-	-	116,028,000
1903,	-	-	234,991,000

Increase in 7 years under LIBERALS

118,963,000

IMMIGRATION.

Last 5 Years Under Conservatives.		Last 5 Years Under Liberals.	
1892	27,898	1899	44,543
1893	29,632	1900	42,493
1894	20,829	1901	56,076
1895	18,790	1902	84,035
1896	16,835	1903	128,980
Total	113,984	Total	356,127

NOTE.—The comparison of immigration figures is made for periods of five years because no fair comparison can be made in regard to figures of years previous to 1892. Previous to the Census of 1891, the Conservative immigration figures were grossly padded and unreliable. This was brought out in evidence before the Committee of Agriculture and Colonization of the House of Commons at the last session. The Census of 1891 also showed up these figures so badly that the Conservative Government itself adopted a new method of tabulation, beginning with 1892.

The figures in the above tables are for calendar years. The figures issued since 1900 are for fiscal years, and this fact will explain any apparent discrepancy between the above figures and those ordinarily published in blue books. All the immigration figures published by the Conservatives were for calendar years, and it is now impossible to get at them for fiscal years. Therefore, to make the above comparison fair it was necessary all should be calendar years. Accordingly, the monthly returns since 1900 were added together to get at the figures for the calendar years.

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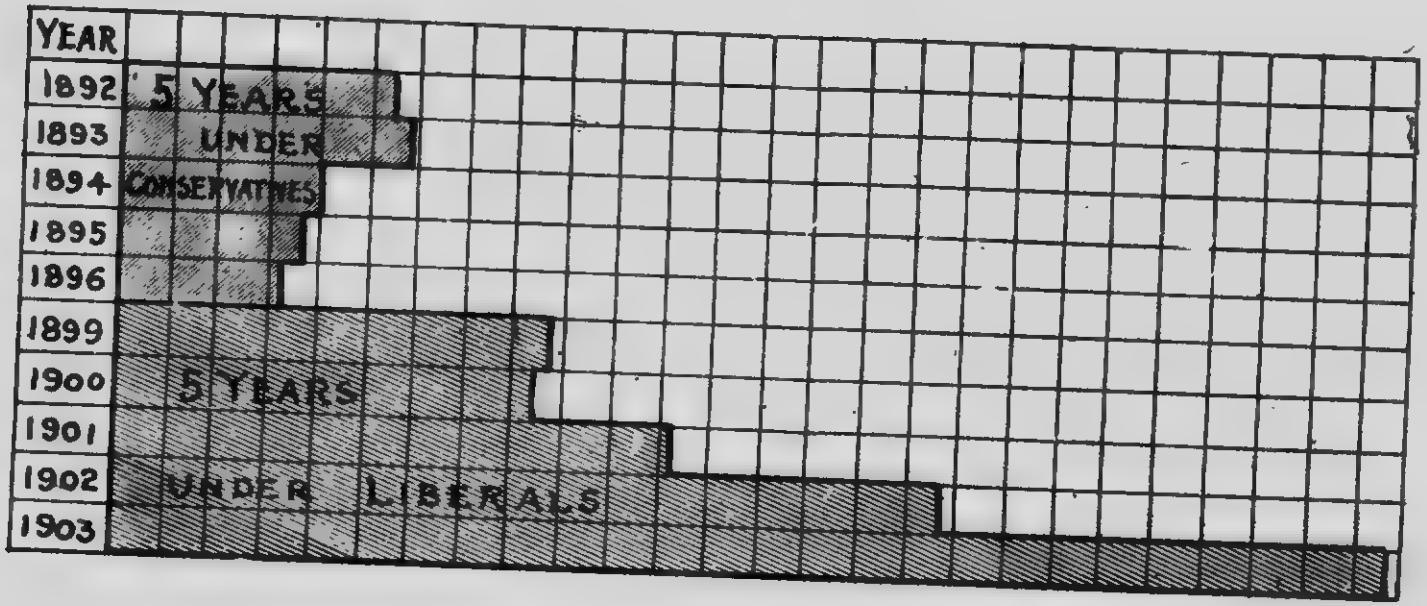

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HOMESTEAD ENTRIES.

1889-90	3,165
1890-91	2,676
1891-92	4,571
1892-93	4,131
1893-94	3,568
1894-95	3,030
1895-96	1,888
Total	23,029

1896-97	2,1
1897-98	3,5
1898-99	5,9
1899-1900	7,4
1900-01	8,1
1901-02	14,6
1902-03	31,3
Total	73,1

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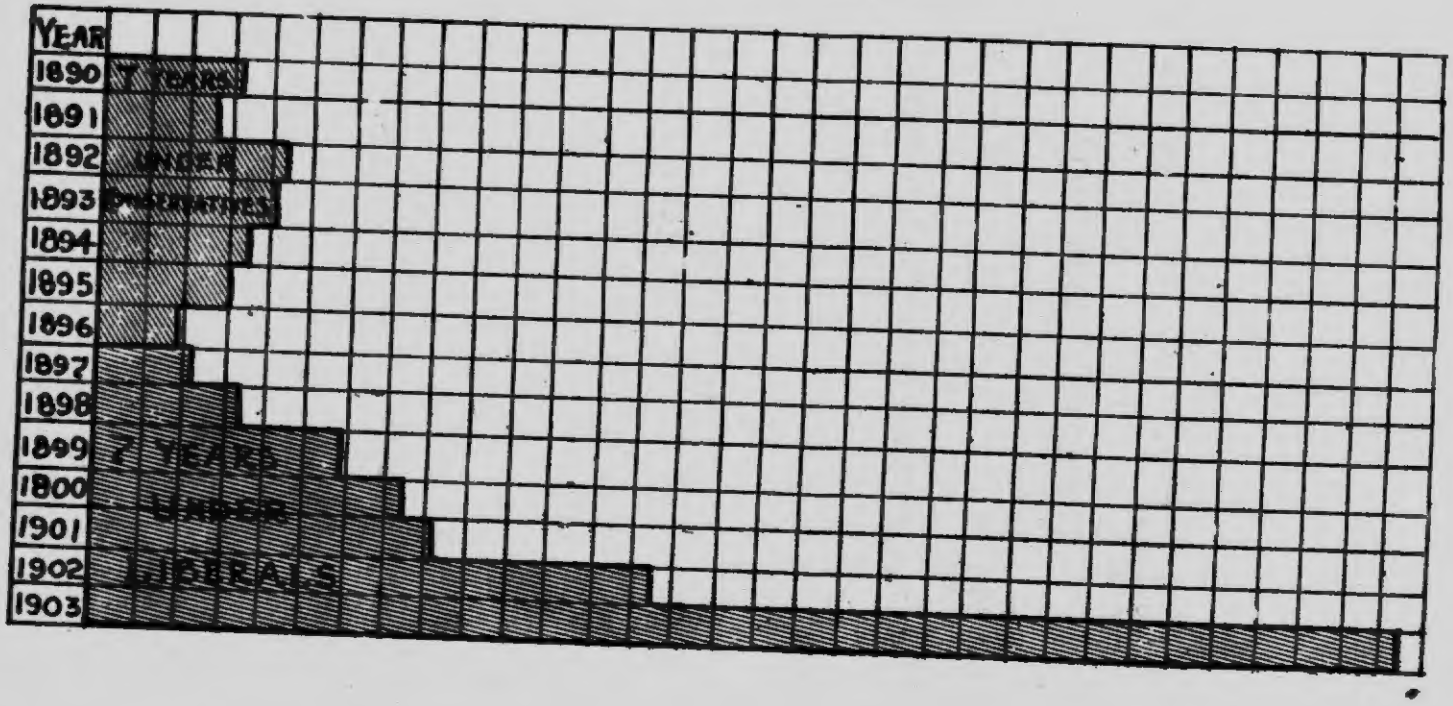
Homestead Entries.



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1890	2,155
1891	3,514
1892	5,912
1893	7,426
1894	8,162
1895	14,633
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1903	73,185

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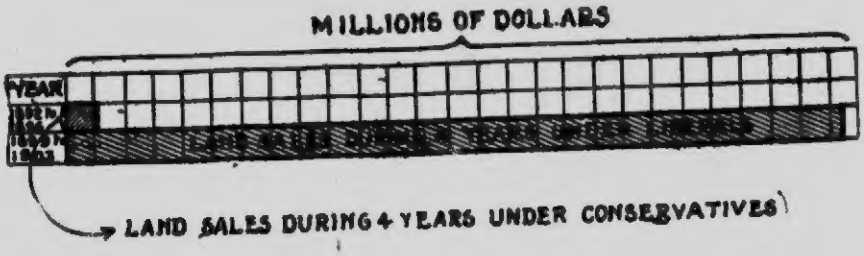

LAND SALES

Figures of land sales made by the Hudson Bay Company and Railway holding land grants. The figures for 1892 are the earliest available, hence the four-year comparison.

UNDER CONSERVATIVES

	VALUE.
1892-1896 - - -	$1,144,530

UNDER LIBERALS

	VALUE.
1899-1903 - - -	$26,632,130

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